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SOME INTERESTING QUERIES.

Did a high official of the Territorial regime, in answering a simple business letter of the Japanese Consul General, go out of his way to arraign and insult the Japanese people as regards their conduct throughout the world?

Did the Consul General reply in a letter as scathing as it was polite and then refer the communication of the official to the Governor?

Was the meddlesome official's letter so unseemly that, if it had been known at Washington, it would cost him his position?

Did the Governor in the course of two or three letters state his disapproval of the language used?

Did the blundering official, finally seeing the mess he had made, write an abject letter of apology to the Japanese Consul General and beg that his original letter be not inscribed on the records of the Consulate?

Is it certain that the matter has not been reported to the Japanese ambassador?

Inquiry along these lines was made at the Executive building yesterday but the reporter of the Advertiser was not shown the correspondence, the Acting Governor declaring that the "incident had been closed."

PROGRESS AT THE HAGUE.

Despite a public impression to the contrary The Hague conference was a useful public body. It marked a new milestone in the progress of nations even if it did not achieve all that was hoped for by the friends of international peace. A reform so vast as the disbandment of armies and the substitution of courts could not be expected to come quickly; it is clearly a thing of evolution, a boon to be won by slow changes in the popular ideal. Centuries were needed to erect courts of justice between the private enemies of men; and a few meetings of delegates, many of them professional soldiers, fall far short of the necessary means to bring on the political millennium.

The best that could have been wisely predicated of the late conference was some alleviation of the tragedy of war, or, at least—for what the conference proposed must go to forty-six powers for ratification before taking effect—some reasonable plans of that character. These plans were worked out. The conference accepted the proposal to arbitrate the collection of international debts; to safeguard unfortified towns from bombardment; and to replace the present types of floating mines by a kind that will destroy themselves as soon as they get adrift. These achievements were well worth the cost of The Hague gathering; and if the powers accept them, as they seem likely to do, those who proposed the conference will have no cause to complain. As for the greater blessings, give them time. First, the blade, then the ear and then the full corn in the ear.

THE AFFAIRS OF PORTUGAL.

For more than five years there has been disquieting news from Portugal. The King, it is said, costs too much. He overdraws his account, despite the protests of the treasury, and spends in luxury what the tax collectors can wrench from want. Conspiracies against him caused the arrest of many high officers as far back as July 17, 1903; and three months before then there was a small mutiny of troops. Now there is a rebellion which may or may not turn out badly for the throne.

King Carlos does not seem to be an admirable character. His fame abroad rests upon his exploits at table. He is said to be the first trencherman of Portugal. Possibly, at this crisis, he will develop into a strong man, but his career so far does not suggest iron and blood.

It would be interesting to know what, if any, effect upon the Portuguese people has been exercised by the Brazilians since they overthrew their monarchy and settled down to the republican system. The contrast between the poverty of the old racial stock at home and the prosperity of the transatlantic race which sprang from that stock—a prosperity which has grown with leaps and bounds since Dom Pedro was dethroned—may well have stirred rebellious blood in the veins of King Carlos' subjects. If so, the present uprising may go much farther than the friends of the King anticipate. It may even start a conflagration that will extend into Spain, where the tactlessness of Queen Victoria—who measures every Spanish custom by the rigid yardstick of her native land—and the prospect of being governed by another infant king, have combined to produce popular resentment.

The current pictures of the King of Spain in the London weekly periodicals bear out the news that he is a victim of tuberculosis or of some other wasting disease. His father died of the white plague and the young King's symptoms are said to closely resemble the parent's. As showing the limitations of kingship it appears that Alfonso does not share the privilege of a wealthy private citizen to pick out his own climatic environment. His doctors would like to have him spend the winter in southern France but his ministers forbid because of the friction between Madrid and Paris over the Morocco affair.

It is said by the United States subtreasurer at San Francisco that from \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000 have been withdrawn from the banks there by depositors for private hoarding. The danger has become so great, on that account, that the safe-deposit companies no longer rent boxes to their customers "except in cases where it can be shown that the hiding away of cash is not intended." Experts say that, but for the withdrawals made, the banking situation would be perfectly clear on the Coast. Indeed, it needs no expert to add that such is the case all over the country; it is the withdrawing that makes the trouble.

Many people make the mistake of sending letters to the Advertiser in the name of some person connected with it. Individuals come and go but the paper stays; and it may be that a news letter with a personal address will follow an employe across the continent and back before it reaches its intended destination. Simply send your communications to "The Gazette Company" or to "Editor Advertiser" and whoever is in charge will attend to them.

It is not an unalloyed delight to ride in the imperial Russian train as Mr. Taft is finding out. An open switch near Moscow nearly wrecked the emblazoned coaches the other day. The Czar's cars are popular targets in Russia and Mr. Taft may deem himself fortunate in reaching his journey's end without mishap.

J. Pierpont Morgan, as an aspirant for the Presidency, would be a boon to the "revenue only" politicians that would make the canvass of the late Roswell P. Flower look like thirty cents.

The doctors had a good time at their banquet last night, principally because they violated most of the dietary rules they lay down for other people and let nature take its course.

If the panic brings back the American spenders from Europe and starts unskilled Italian labor home it will not be without its compensations to the East.

The financial storm has pretty well stopped building operations all over the United States but it is noted that the sales of automobiles are about as usual.

If it takes three or four months to put the Atlantic fleet in shape for a cruise how long a time would be needed to put it in condition for a war?

The Roosevelt third term movement seems to be so busy on the main line that there is no chance for the Taft first term movement to get off the siding.

King Carlos can stand the loss of his throne but he can be trusted to keep a tight clutch on his meal ticket.

Whatever he does to John Lane it is to be hoped Wallach won't heave a female rock at him.

TEMPORARY COLLEGE DEAN IS WANTED

There was a meeting of the full Board of Regents at Judge Cooper's office late yesterday afternoon to consider the situation affecting the new College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts as it is left by the sudden and serious illness of Dean-elect Roadhouse.

It is necessary, if the Federal appropriation is to be had, to get the college organized before February. It was the judgment of the Board to ask ex-Governor Carter to act as Dean until his successor could qualify and the President of the Board, Judge Cooper, was empowered to negotiate. The belief was expressed that Mr. Carter would serve as a matter of public spirit.

The meeting adjourned until this afternoon at four.

MEDICAL MEN DINE

(Continued from Page One.)

SALAD
Unguentum Harlequinum
DESSERT
Ptomainae Neopolitanae
(AFFEINA) POUSSA
Proteidum Roquefortum Panis dur
Soda Mentha
Infusum caffeinae

There were furtive looks of surprise as one after another tasted the soup. It had the appearance of a beautiful cream soup. But with the first spoonful it was found to be delightfully leed and nutmegged. It tickled the palate, however, in the way elixir vitae should, and nearly everybody tipped the soup plate a little to get the last spoonful.

The fish was a delicious viand in spite of its name and the Mistura Diabolica Indiana came on the table in ramkins hot from the oven and hot with a delicious blending of condiments.

The Gallus preparatus of the menu was jugged chicken with a delightful cream sauce and a suggestion of sage. The Spiritus Vini Romannus, was our old and familiar friend Roman punch, but so excellently prepared as to seem to have entered on a new era of prosperity. Unguentum Harlequinum, was a delightful frog's leg salad garnished with lettuce. But who would know Neapolitan ice cream under the name of Ptomainae Neopolitanae?

Dr. Hodgins, the retiring president of the association, presided with good judgment and vivacity. The toast list was a long one, but the responses as a rule short, and for the most part embodying forth the good-fellowship idea of the occasion rather than the serious aspects of the profession.

Dr. C. B. Cooper, in responding to the toast the "American Medical Association" recalled that four years ago he had the honor to represent the Hawaii Association at the meeting of the American Association, the first time Hawaii had ever been represented in that organization.

Dr. Waterhouse, responding for "Surgery," said that while he had been practicing here only seven or eight years, a retrospect would show great changes in the practice of surgery in the islands. As striking as a change was this, that then people nearly always went to the Coast for their surgical operations, now they seldom did. Then the Queen's Hospital was ill-fitted for surgical work, now it had as good an operating room as there is anywhere, good private rooms and some good wards.

In introducing President Pinkham of the Board of Health Dr. Hodgins said that he was one of the best friends the medical profession in Hawaii had. He alluded jestingly to some of the matters current in connection with the Board of Health. In responding to the introduction President Pinkham said he was having lots of trouble just now. He had always known that the medical profession had lots of ethics but he was just learning how much ethics it had; and in crowding the ethics of the profession down the throats of the people of this Territory, he was having lots of trouble. Some people did not like his diplomacy, but when he came to a show-down he was ready to back himself. He thought the medical profession was showing in holding up its end, and he was helping it whenever he could for he believed the medical profession the broadest profession there is.

Dr. C. B. Wood responded to the toast "Our Patients." Just as he began speaking, a motion from Dr. Hodgins the attendants brought in a skeleton, "so that Dr. Wood would have one of the patients to talk to." Dr. Wood said it was one of "our patients" not "one of mine."

His speech was anecdotal and witty, in which there was mixed a good deal of keen wisdom. Dr. McDonald responded happily to the toast the "Ladies." Dr. Hoffmann kept the table in a roar while he responded to "Medicine." Dr. A. N. Sinclair gave some of the amusing experiences he has met in his response to the toast "U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service." Dr. Walter Brinckerhoff in a serious and eloquent way told of the Red Cross and the relation of the medical profession to it, and Dr. J. T. Wayson, gave a noble panegyric on "The Country Doctor."

The affair closed by Dr. Hodgins thanking the members of the association for the support they had given him during the year, and asking for the same helpfulness for his successor.

AN INQUIRY ANSWERED.

A gentleman at Bembesi, Rhodesia, writes to inquire where Chamberlain's Cough Remedy can be procured. He says he has learned of the good effects resulting from its use, and as children in that locality are often subject to coughs, he desired to give it a trial. This remedy may be procured from any store or chemist. For coughs, colds and croup there is nothing better, and as it contains no injurious substance it can be given to the smallest child with perfect security. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

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